



25th ID & USARHAW SPOUSE INFORMATION MEETING

May 1, 2006

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 5, 2006
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: May 31st



1. COMMUNITY

OBSB	Commander	LTC Stephen Moniz	655-0216
Schofield Bks	Oahu North Community Director	Cathy Ballie	655-8978
	Action Line	Mel Wright	655-4483
Fort Shafter	Oahu South Community Director	Clarence Wilhelm	438-6996
	Action Line	Rosey Stone	833-2232

2. MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION (MWR)

MWR Expo. Come to the Nehelani from 2 to 7 p.m., May 17 for the Army MWR Expo. The expo will feature displays from all MWR facilities and services. There will be inflatable bouncers, prizes, giveaways, games, hands on activities and lots of information about the many ways MWR serves Hawaii's Military Families.

Damn Yankees. Come enjoy the Broadway musical classic Damn Yankees at Richardson Theater, Fort Shafter. Opening night is May 11 with additional shows on May 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or online at <http://www.squareone.org/ACT/tickets.html>. For more information, call 438-4480

Blue Star Card Holders are invited to a free special preview night of Damn Yankees on May 10. Please sign up by May 5 and call 655-0112 for more information. For more information on all MWR activities please pick up a copy of Discovery Magazine or visit the MWR website, <http://www.mwrarmyhawaii.com>

3. ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS)

Employment Orientation. This orientation is the first step in helping you find the job you want! Learn how to prepare for your job search process. Get employment information on Federal, State, private sector and staffing agencies. See the reference materials, job listings, computers, etc. that are available for use at the Army Community Service employment resource area. A company representative may also be attending to inform and speak with spouses on their job vacancies. Workshops held on Fridays (5, 12, 19, and 26 May 06), 0900-1030 at ACS Schofield Barracks, Bldg 2091. Call 655-4227 to register.

Job Searching in Hawaii. This workshop provides information on: Who is Hiring in Hawaii (Private & Public Sector; Recruiting Resources & Networking Opportunities in Hawaii, etc). Training will be held on Thursday, 11 May 06, 0930-1130, at Army Community Service, Schofield Barracks. To register, call 655-2400.

Home Alone Safety Class. The ACS Family Advocacy Program will be offering a one day workshop designed to teach children ages 9-11 the safety skills needed for staying home alone. Activities include fire safety, safe telephone usage, and basic first aid. Special guest speakers from DARE, the fire department, and community health nursing will provide important information for home safety. The June classes will be held at the AMR West Community Center on Monday, June 19, 2006 and at the Schofield Barracks ACS building on Monday, June 26, 2006 from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call ACS at 655-4ACS to register.

Infant Play & Learn Group. Infant Play & Learn is a weekly play group for infants 0-12 months and their parents. This program combines an infant safe play area with short learning sessions about various topics from growth and development to nutrition. Members of this group will have the opportunity to participate together in enjoyable developmental activities during free play and circle time

activities. It is a great chance to share experiences with other Moms and Dads while learning helpful parenting skills. The group is held from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Schofield Barracks ACS building and from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays at the AMR West Community Center. Call ACS at 655-4ACS for more information

AFTB Instructor Twilight Training. AFTB will conduct an Instructor Course 22-25 May. The class will be held at the Schofield Barracks ACS from 1730-2030. Orientation will be held on 17 May from 1730-1830. Please call 655-4ACS for more information.

Military Souse 101. Military Spouse 101 (AFTB Level 1) will be held at the Schofield Barracks ACS on 16 & 17 May from 1730-2100. The class is great for new spouses to learn all about the Army and to refresh and update spouses who have involved in the Army lifestyle for awhile.

The AER Spouse Education Assistance Program. The application deadline for this assistance program is 22 May for the 2006-2007 school year. For applications or more information, please call 655-4ACS. Applications are also available online at www.aerhq.org.

4. SCHOOL LIAISON UPDATES (Kristina M. Noriega-Artis, 655-2264)

Education Highlights Apr - Jun 2006			
Hale Kula	For more info please call Ellen Petry @ 622-6380 ext 237		
School/Location	Event	Date/Time	Comments
	Intramural Track Meet	April 24	
	Science Fair	April 27	Open to all students
	Science Night/Family Event	April 28 6-8pm	By Bishop Museum
	Student of Month Assem.	May 5 8:15am	
	Nat. PTA Teacher Apprec. Week	May 8-12	Various events on each day
	Teacher Apprec. Lunch	May 9	Lunch by parents provided for staff
	Mothers Day Run	May 13 9am	Open to all students and their families
	Deployment Workshop	May 16 8-10am	Discussing emotional issues, Panel of speakers to include Dr, ACS, School Councilors, and experienced parents.
	JPO Competition	May 19	Hale Kula competes against other school
	Field Day - Pre K to 2nd	May 23 12n-2pm	Outdoor events sponsored by the PTA
	Field Day - 3rd to 5th gr.	May 25 8:30am - 11am	Outdoor events sponsored by the PTA
	5th Grade Graduation	May 31 9am	In school cafeteria
	Volunteer Apprec. Tea	May 31 1:45-3pm	
	Pre School Graduation	June 1 8am	In school cafeteria
	5th Grade Banquet Luncheon	June 1	
	Student of the Month Assembly	June 2 8:15am	
	Last Day of School for students	June 5	Schools is out at 11am

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School/Location	Event	Date/Time	Comments
	Parent/Teacher/Student Conference	Apr. 26-May 26	12:45pm students released Book Fair - Library
	Head Start Parent Mtg.	May 4 8:15am	School cafeteria
	Staff Apprec. Luncheon	May 8	Library
	Field Trip - Grade 4	May 11	Taro Farm (Ku'u Home Kulaiwi) \$7/student, wear shoes, old clothing/change of clothing, muddy.
	No School for Students	May 12	Staff development day/ regular school for Head Start
	Head Start Parent Mtg. - Final	May 15-26	
	Volunteer Apprec. Breakfast/ Field Trip	May 18 8:30-9:30am	Breakfast in cafeteria - Hawaii Nature Center, grade 2 - P2, P8
	Last Day for.....	May 19	Clerical Connection/Parent Lending Library/Hornet's Nest Store
	Ukulele Club performs at...	May 20	Pineapple Festival
	Field Trip - Grade 2	May 22	Hawaii Nature Center - P1, P9, P12
	May Day	May 24	
	Kindergarten - HTY Play	May 26	"Go Dog Go" - Hi Theatre - No Cost
	Holiday - No school	May 29	

5. ARMY HAWAII FAMILY HOUSING (AHFH)

AHFH Deployment Care Package. For families who choose to stay here with us in Hawaii, AHFH has created a Deployment Care Package. This program offers complimentary services to include additional lawn care service, five hours of childcare each month through Child and Youth Services, and maintenance support each quarter from the AHFH Maintenance team. To find out more about the program or to register, please call your community center, Residents can bring their Blue Star Card or deployment orders to AHFH and we will be glad to sign you up.

Bowling Bonanza. Bowling Bonanza is a fun activity for the families of deployed soldiers to enjoy together. AHFH will provide a voucher good for two games of bowling and shoe rental for residents and family members. Present your voucher to the bowling center staff on Saturday, May 20 or Sunday May 21.

Call MaX. Army Hawaii Family Housing is pleased to announce that a new interactive answering service, CallMaX, has been installed in all its community centers and regional offices. While our staff is busy helping other residents, or when you call our office before/after our normal business hours, CallMaX will record your detailed message and page our on call technicians for emergency services. CallMaX's quick message relay and accuracy helps us provide you a more efficient service. Additionally, CallMaX offers other features such as the MaX-Interactive and MaX Bulleting services. Answers to common questions, such as our pet policy can be answered by simply saying, "pet policy," which activates a pre-recorded message about this topic and many others. Please give it a try! *MaX-Bulletin* is an innovative resident notification service that delivers important information to you over the phone. The system can deliver messages up to 100 residents per minute. If we received an advance notification of an emergency, our staff can record their message and CallMaX makes the call

to you. It is important that we have your current telephone numbers, so please stop by or call your community center and update your information today.

Upcoming Events at your Community Center and Regional Offices...

Fort Shafter- Mother's Day Photo Competition, May 1-11

Mother's Day Gifts For Mom, May 8-12

Tripler Cinco de Mayo Celebration- Friday, May 5

Santa Fe/ Lyman- Mother's Day Craft Fridays, May 12

Canby- Mother's Day Breakfast- 9 a.m. Saturday, May 13

Wheeler- Movie Night, Friday, May 19

North and South Regional Offices- A Rose for each Mom, and Pamper Yourself Drawing, a Mother's Day celebration on Friday, May 12

Please call us for more information about the different activities your AHFH Community Centers have for you.

*******Q&A SECTION*******

Most often asked questions can benefit all of our residents, so we thought we would share some of them with all of you.

Q: How do we decide who moves into the new housing and when does it start?

A: AHFH will move those families whose homes are scheduled for demolition first. Within this group, after meeting the # of bedroom requirement and rank, we have categorized priority by families with spouse deploying or have been deployed, those with special needs and so on. Once we have moved these families into their new homes, we will open the rest of the homes up to families who have 2 years left on their Hawaii duty tour by lottery. The details have not yet been finalized, but as soon as we do – our residents will be notified. The new Kalakaua Community will have its grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on May 31, 2006. The first 25 families will be moved starting June 1, 2006. Thereafter, approximately 40 families will be moved into these new homes. Leader Field Community is scheduled for demolition October 2006, and approximately 280 families will be among the first residents of the Kalakaua Community.

Q: If I want to move to a better home, what can I do?

A: In our partnership with the Army, AHFH has adopted most of the Waitlist procedures that have been in place prior to privatization. We still follow the rank, # of bedroom requirements, EFMP eligibility and the rent for each of our homes is equal to your full BAH. More importantly, priorities for housing remains the same in that we will offer homes to Key & Essential personnel, those on TLA and Emergency move (Health and Safety) first. AHFH will consider requests for "convenience move", after the resident has fulfilled his/her 6 month lease; however these types of move are categorized at a lower priority. If we have no one on the Wait list at Priority 1, the next available home will be offered to the next person on the list, including those waiting to move from off post to on post and those in the "convenience move" category.

We welcome your questions and feedback. Please let us know how we can better serve you.

Mahalo~

6. UNITED SERVICES ORGANIZATION (USO)

USO-Hawaii strives to enhance the quality of life of US Armed Forces personnel and their families when they arrive in Hawaii, and to create a cooperative relationship between the US military and the various supporting civilian communities. We have two centers, one at Hickam AMC terminal and the other at Honolulu International Airport, which provides:

- A relaxing and safe environment for our travelling military and their families.
- Telephone, DSN Access
- Internet and Email Service

- Books/magazines
- Cable TV
- Movies
- Refreshments

Our other programs include Troop Deployments/Redeployments and Entertainment. We have a great need for Volunteers and would encourage any that wish to help to call us at 808-836-3351

7. DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE (PAO)

Hawaii Army Report. To request coverage of an event to air on the Division's television newscast, the Hawaii Army Report, contact SPC Mary Simms at 655-4816, or e-mail Hawaii.armyreport@us.army.mil. The Hawaii Army Report airs daily on TV-2 and worldwide on the Pentagon Channel (Oceanic Cable channel 120).

Hawaii Army Weekly. The Hawaii Army Weekly newspaper welcomes story ideas or articles of interest to Soldiers and their families in Hawaii. Send story ideas or articles to editor@hawaiiarmyweekly.com at least two weeks in advance of Friday publications. Stories must not exceed 600 words in text files; accompanying photographs must be digital, high resolution (300 dpi), jpeg file formats. Coordinate with the managing editor at 655-4816.

8. HUI O Na Wahine and Thrift Shop

Hui O Na Wahine (Kara Anderson, President). Join the Hui O Na Wahine all-ranks spouses club, Thursday, May 18, as we will have our Thrift Shop fashion show and our new board will be installed. Come early and shop - doors open at 10:30 a.m. for shopping with many unique vendors and lunch is served at 11 a.m.

Schofield Barracks Thrift Shop. Come see what treasures you may find at our Thrift Shop! We are open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The third Thursday of the month we will be closed so we can enjoy the monthly Hui luncheon. We will then be open the following Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Consignment hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon each day noted. For more information about the Thrift Shop, please call the shop during work hours at 624-3254.

Thrift Shop Manager Position. The Hui O' Na Wahine Thrift Shop on Schofield is now accepting applications for manager position. Part time hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays (9:00 AM-1:00 PM) and the first Saturday of each month. This position offers great opportunities and a friendly work environment. Applications are available at the Thrift Shop. All applicants must have valid military ID card. Job posting May 1 thru May 14. For more information contact: Vicky Forro, Thrift Shop manager, 624-3254 or Jayne Taylor, Thrift Shop Liaison.

9. COMMUNITY CHAPELS (Sandy Rodriguez)

Ongoing Chapel Opportunities

Family Night is scheduled every Wednesday (except 3rd Wednesday), 1730 - Family Meal, 1815 - All Age Discipleship Training at the Main Post Chapel (MPC) and Chapel Annex. Point of contact is Tina Aker, 655-6645.

Family Survival Night is scheduled every 3rd Wednesday, 1730 - Family Meal (catered meal), 1815 - Special Program (19 April and 17 May), "Couples Communication in Deployment" led by CH (MAJ) Sneath and CH (MAJ) Kennedy at the MPC Sanctuary. This is a two part training series focused around the book titled "The Five Love Languages." POC for free Child Care is Manuela Ross at 655-8313.

Marriage 101 is scheduled every 3rd Wednesday, 0900-1600, Keys to Building a Strong and Lasting Marriage, at HMR Chapel and Family Life Center. Call CH Kennedy, 653-0703, for more information.

Divorce Parenting is scheduled the 1st Wednesday of each month, 0900-1200, at the HMR Chapel and Family Life Center. Call CH Kennedy, 653-0703, for more information.

Baptism Preparation is scheduled on the last Sunday of the month, 1200-1300. If you would like to have your child baptized in the Catholic Church, parents and godparents must attend the preparation class. For more information, please call Laura at 655-4461.

Upcoming Opportunities

12-16 Jun, Vacation Bible School at the MPC.

Chapel Information

Main Post Chapel (Bldg 790 & Annex, Bldg 791), 655-9307

Tue	0900	Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)
	1900	Chalice Circle, WICCA (Bldg 791, Rm 207)
Wed	1100	"Upper Room" – focused prayer for our community
	1130	Soldiers Bible Study (lunch provided)
	1730	Family Night (Supper and All Age Discipleship Training)
Fri	0930	Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)
	1330	Muslim Prayers (Bldg 791, Rm 230)
Sun	0900	Catholic Religious Education
		Protestant Worship Service
	1030	Protestant Religious Education
		Catholic MASS
	1200	Gospel Worship Service
	1300	Buddhist (4 th Sunday in Bldg 791, Rm 231)

Soldier's Chapel (Bldg 590), 655-9307

Fri	1200	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (24 hours)
Sun	0930	Liturgical Worship Service

Wheeler AAR Chapel (Bldg 678), 655-2876

Sat	1630	Confession
	1700	Catholic MASS
Sun	1030	Protestant Worship Service

Helemano Military Reservation (HMR) Chapel, 653-0703

Sun	1000	Protestant (Contemporary) Worship Service
Weekdays		Family Life Chaplain provides family counseling, couples communication and marriage enrichment classes

10. ARMED SERVICES YMCA (Dela LaFleur, 624-5645) 782 Santos Dumont Ave, WAAF

Kids in the Kitchen. On May 2 from 10:00-11:00, preschoolers and their parents are invited to join us as we make Frozen Monkey Tails and Oreo Ladybugs. \$3.00 per child. Advance registration required.

The Children's Waiting Room. Located at Tripler Hospital and at Schofield Barracks Pediatrics Clinics, the Waiting Room provides free childcare for healthy children while their parents or siblings have on site medical appointments. Reservations and up to date shot records are required. The Schofield location is open on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:00–12:00 and you can book an appointment at 624-5645. The Tripler Hospital location is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 until 12:00 and you can book an appointment at 833-1185. We also need volunteers to assist with the childcare at both locations. If you're interested in helping, please let us know.

Interested in Volunteering? We will be holding volunteer trainings on May 4 and on May 23 from 8:30-11:00. Childcare is available for those attending either training. Please call for details.

Free Food Distribution. We will be distributing free bags of canned and packed food to any family who could use some assistance. Distribution will take place on Wednesday, May 24 from 8:00-1:00 or until we run out.

Cinderella's Closet. Our AMR location has a selection of gently used gowns in a variety of styles and sizes that can be borrowed for military functions, balls and proms. Dresses are loaned out free of charge, but must be returned dry cleaned after use. Please call 833-1185 for further information.

Food for Families. Our emergency food locker is available to families who are experiencing financial difficulty and who could use some extra assistance. We also gratefully accept donations to replenish our food supply. Please call us for information.

Playmorning. This free playgroup is designed for children up to age 5 and their parents or caregivers. Playmorning features circle time, play-doh, crafts, songs, games and more. The program is offered weekday mornings at the following locations.

Monday- Wheeler ASYMCA, 782 Santos Dumont Ave.
AMR ASYMCA, 1875 Aliamanu

Tuesday- Heleman Community Center, bldg. P1
Fort Shafter Super Playground

Wednesday- Wheeler ASYMCA, 782 Santos Dumont Ave.
AMR ASYMCA, 1875 Aliamanu

Thursday- Heleman Community Center, Bldg. P1

Friday- Wheeler ASYMCA, 782 Santos Dumont Ave.
AMR ASYMCA, 1875 Aliamanu

11. AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC), SB (Beth Weber, Coordinator, 655-4927)

Schofield Barracks Service Center. Our Red Cross office is located in the Aloha Center, Bldg 690 in Room 3F. Our office hours are Monday – Friday from 8am-1pm and 2pm-4pm.

VoluTeens Program – Summer volunteer program for Teens, ages 12 and up. Two-week program with certificate of appreciation in the end. They can continue to volunteer for the rest of the summer. Call the office to signup. Any base activity can call our office to request a teen volunteer.

Volunteer Advisory Board. We are in need of a Volunteer Records Chairperson and a Chairperson of Volunteers. No experience necessary. It entails about 12 hours a month. Work can be done from home. Please inquire if interested.

Standard First Aid and CPR Class. We offer a monthly First Aid plus Adult, Child, and Infant CPR class at the Schofield Barracks office. The cost for the class is \$40 and includes the book. Call us to sign up for these classes: **Saturday, May 20 from 8am-5pm.**

If you have an emergency, call **1-877-272-7337** to send or retrieve a Red Cross message. Contact Mr. Liwai for emergency leave procedures @ 655-4633.

12. NEWSLETTER AND MEETING INFORMATION

WEBSITE. The Newsletter is also available on the Division Website at www.25idl.army.mil

POC for the monthly Spouse Information Meeting is Ms. Joy Boisselle. **Email article submissions to:** ruby.v.batalona@us.army.mil